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SACRAMENTO MAN INDICTED FOR BANK FRAUD AND POSSESSING STOLEN MAIL

SACRAMENTO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment charging TOBY LANE WILLIAMS, 22, of Sacramento, with bank fraud and possession of stolen mail.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence Brown, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on November 16, 2004 and February 10, 2005, WILLIAMS possessed multiple pieces of mail stolen from the Sacramento area. The indictment further alleges that WILLIAMS altered a check originally written in the amount of \$25.00 using a chemical to "wash" the check, and then rewriting the check to purchase a \$446.00 printer.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for each offense of possession of stolen mail is a maximum sentence of five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine. The maximum penalty for the offense of bank fraud is a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and up to a \$1,000,000 fine.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.